



## SENATOR JOSÉ MENÉNDEZ DISTRICT 26

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### **Senator José Menéndez Issues Statement Regarding Santa Fe Shooting**

**San Antonio, Texas** – "Children are dying, they are dying senselessly in places where they should be safe. As much as we all appreciate prayers for the victims and their families, our children deserve more. Our children deserve actions inspired by our values.

First, we need to restrict access to weapons of war that have been designed for use by trained soldiers. In the wrong hands, these weapons have demonstrated the capability of widespread destruction.

Second, we must review existing laws closing all of the loopholes requiring that every sale of a firearm need to undergo a background check and then create new laws that promote Common Sense gun safety. It is imperative that parents restrict access to guns, particularly kids who are in crisis or exhibit behavior that is threatening or dangerous towards others.

Additionally, we must address mental health needs in our schools and ensure that each school has the resources they need to provide care or assess risks.

Fourth, we must have a thorough review of the safety of all of our schools. Schools should be safe zones for everyone: Students, teachers, and parents.

Enough is enough. While I join in praying for the students, parents, teachers, and the Santa Fe community, I ask that we take action in ensuring the safety of our children."

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